# S. C. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BOTANY BAY PLANTATION WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA • 2008 DEER HUNT APPLICATION

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 5, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. A single check or money order, made out by the 1st person on the application only, made payable to S.C. Department of Natural Resources must be enclosed (NOT STAPLED) with each application and mailed to BOTANY BAY DEER HUNT, PO BOX 167, COLUMBIA, SC 29202. (\$25.00 per hunter, plus \$5.50 for each resident applicant purchasing a temporary WMA permit). A person may apply only once. Application will be voided if it includes a name that has been entered more than once. After the selection process, each applicant will receive a letter of notification indicating whether the hunt party has been selected. For all unsuccessful applications, a refund check will be mailed to the first person listed on the application. mailed to the first person listed on the application.

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# 2008 BOTANY BAY PLANTATION WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA DEER HUNT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please save this explanation sheet until you have been notified if you were drawn. Read all instructions carefully. The drawing is done by computer, and all blanks must be completed correctly. Applications submitted incorrectly, illegibly or in duplication will be voided. Read carefully before completing application. **Staff in the Columbia office will be unable to answer questions regarding whether or not an application has been drawn.** 

- 1. **HUNTING LICENSE**: Each successful applicant must have a Wildlife Management Area Permit and a Big Game Permit in addition to a valid Hunting License to attend the hunt. Any hunter younger than 16 years of age is not required to possess a hunting license, but must be accompanied and supervised by a licensed adult 21 years or older who was also drawn for the same hunt.
- 2. **HUNT FEE:** A fee deposit of \$25 per hunter must accompany the application. REMIT ONLY BY A SINGLE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SUBMITTED BY THE 1ST HUNTER ON THE APPLICATION. Make checks payable to S.C. Department of Natural Resources. Should the check of an applicant be returned by the bank, there will be a \$25 service charge. If the application is not drawn, the hunt and permit fees will be refunded.
- 3. **WMA PERMIT:** All drawn applicants must possess a Wildlife Management Area permit. A temporary \$5.50 WMA Permit, good only for this draw hunt, **is available ONLY to residents and ONLY at the time of application.** \$5.50 must be submitted in addition to the \$25 hunt fee. If selected, the notification slip indicates the \$5.50 WMA permit is included. A \$5.50 temporary WMA permit is not needed if you possess a Sportsman License, Junior Outdoorsman License, a regular WMA Permit, a Gratis (Over 64) License or are under the age of 16. **(Nonresidents are NOT eligible for temporary WMA permit.)**
- 4. **DUPLICATE APPLICANTS:** A person may apply only once. **All applications** including the name of a duplicate applicant will be disqualified from the drawing and lose their accumulated preference.
- 5. **HUNT DATES:** If "YES" (under "Will you accept any dates?") is checked, all dates will be accepted. Only weekend dates will be drawn from if "Thur/Fri/Sat" only is checked. If you can only hunt on specific dates please **ONLY** enter those dates.

#### PREFERENCE PROCEDURES

- 1. In order to equitably allocate the limited number of Deer Hunt slots, those applicants not drawn will be issued a preference point for that year. Preference points will accumulate for each year that the applicant is not selected. Preference information will be stored by computer from year to year.
- 2. Applications with the most years preference will be drawn from first. The next highest number of years second, etc., until all slots are filled.
- 3. This procedure will guarantee each applicant a slot eventually, IF THE APPLICANT APPLIES EVERY YEAR. All preference points will be dropped if the applicant does not apply in consecutive years.
- 4. If each person on an application does not have the same number of preference points, the person with the least number of preference points will be used for the drawing of the application.

# **HUNT INFORMATION**

- 1. Each hunt will consist of one half-day hunt (afternoon of the first day drawn) and 2 full days for the last 2 days.
- 2. The limit for each hunt period is 3 deer. Only 1 legal buck may be harvested per hunter. Legal bucks are those with 4 points on one side or a 12" minimum outside spread. Spikes are not legal. Button bucks will be tagged as antlerless deer.
- 3. All drawn hunters will be allowed to use their own portable stand (only one portable stand per person). Hunting will be allowed in designated areas. No man drives or stalking will be allowed.
- 4. Drawn hunters must report to the Botany Bay Plantation check station by 1:00 pm the first day of the hunt for orientation. Hunters will be required to sign in and out at the check station for each hunt day. Drawn hunters will be allowed to scout from 7:00 am until noon the first day of the hunt period and between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on the remaining hunt days. Maps will be available at the check station.
- 5. Weapons must be unloaded and secured in a weapons case, or in the trunk of a vehicle, or in a locked toolbox except while legally hunting.
- 6. No meals or lodging will be provided.

# CANCELLATIONS

### 1. THERE ARE NO TRANSFERS!

- 2. Once drawn, cancellations will NOT be refunded.
- 3. Successful applicants should contact the Columbia office (803-734-3609) if they are unable to attend the hunt.
- 4. Canceled slots will be filled by random selection of applicants who were not drawn according to preference and number of hunters on application.

